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PATENT APPLICATIONRESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Ginter, USP 5,910,987. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection at least for the following reasons.

As currently pending, independent claims 1, 6, and 11, explicitly recite that the computer program includes at least one first block and a plurality of second blocks in sequence. Each of the independent claims further recites that each block of the plurality of second blocks is first deciphered by a first key obtained from the first block, and then deciphered by a second key obtained from one of the second blocks that preceded the current second block. Applicant submits that no such an arrangement is disclosed by Ginter. Rather, Ginter clearly teaches that each object has a logical structure that includes, among others, permission records and data blocks which in sequence follow the permission records (see, e.g., elements 808 and 812 of Figure 17, 19, 21, etc.). The permission records may include one or more key blocks 810. While Ginter discloses that each of the content blocks may be decrypted using more than one key, Ginter teaches to get all of the keys from the key blocks (see, e.g., col. 126, lines 43-46; col 128, lines 34-37; col. 149, lines 52-59). That is, Ginter explicitly teaches that keys are only stored in key blocks and data is only stored in data blocks. Nothing in Ginter discloses or even remotely suggests that the second key should be obtained for each data block from the data block that preceded it, as explicitly recited in the independent claims. That is, Ginter never discloses or even remotely suggests the limitation:

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*performing a second decryption on each of the plurality of second blocks,
wherein for each of said plurality of second blocks, a second cipher key is
generated from a current block and a next block is decrypted with the
second cipher key.*

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable over Ginter.

II. Claims rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 5, 10 and 15 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Ginter in view of Lotspiech, USP 6,118,873. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5, 10, and 15 are allowable at least from their dependence on allowable base claims 1, 6 and 11.

III. Conclusion

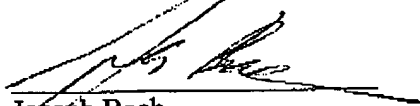
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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